

## MIZORAM POLICE PRESS STATEMENT

NO.F.14018/1/19-SMC/65

Dated Aizawl, the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020, there was Social Media post on Facebook stating that “*Now there is one Covid-19 positive at Khatla North Quarantine centre. How many more will there be out of 10000 Mizos who recently returned from outside the state. Lets hope our government make necessary announcements soon*”. This message has led to panic and distress among the general public. The screenshot of this facebook post was also widely circulated on various whatsapp groups. A leader of one locality of Aizawl submitted FIR at Aizawl Police Station.

Mizoram Police immediately proceeded with investigation into the source and veracity of the post. On 15.5.2020, one person at Khatla locality who recently returned from Chennai tested antibody IgG reactive on Rapid Antibody Test and was forwarded to ZMC, Falkawn for further RT-PCR for Covid-19 confirmation. On 16.5.2020, test result was confirmed Covid-19 negative and hence the person was shifted on the same day to Community Quarantine Facility at Khatla.

Antibody IgG reactive under Rapid Antibody Test (RAT) does not mean that the person is confirmed Covid-19 positive. It is only a test of antibody and hence circulating as confirmed Covid-19 positive is totally false which can create unnecessary panic and fear among the general public

The originator of this message has been identified as a 33 years old resident of Bungkawn, Aizawl and criminal case vide Aizawl PS Case No.212/2020 Dtd.17.5.2020 u/s 505 (1) (b) IPC r/w 54 DM Act has been registered against him after duly obtaining cognizance and warrant of arrest from Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl. He was arrested on 18.05.2020 and sent to Aizawl District Court for judicial custody.

Posting of unconfirmed rumours which can create panic and fear among the general public is a very serious issue and can invite legal action against those responsible for the same. Public are advised to be careful and stay safe.

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Dt. 15.5.2020 zan lamah khan social media platform facebook-ah mi pakhatin thu dik lo 'Khatla North Quarantined Positive 1 an awm ta maw, engzah tak awm ang mawrawn haw ho mi 10,000 zingah hian... Kan sawrkar chak tak hian a puang vat vat turah ngai ilang'. tih a ziaik a. He thu dik lo leh dawt hian mipui tam tak a ti chiaik a. He thu facebook a lo lang hi a screen shot (thlalak) pawh whatsapp group hrang hrangah a darh nghe nghe a ni. Mipui a tih chiaik em avangin khawtlang aiawhin venghruaitu pakhat chuan Aizawl Police station ah FIR a thehlut nghe nghe.

He thu hi chhui nghal a ni a. Dt. 15.5.2020 khan Khatla veng mi, Chennai atanga lo haw zingah Rapid Antibody Test ah *antibody IgG reactive* a awm avangin fimkhur thuah ZMC, Falkawn lamah RT-PCR (Covid-19 test-na) tura lak phei a ni a. Dt. 16.5.2020 khan a result chhuak nghalin Covid-19 a vei lo tih hriat a nih hnuah Dt. 16.5.2020 vek khan Khatla-a Community Quarantine Facility ah dah let leh a ni.

Rapid Antibody Test (RAT)-a *antibody IgG reactive* hi Covid-19 vei tihna a ni lo a. Antibody test-na chauh a nih avangin Covid-19 vei anga sawi hi thu dik lo a ni a. Covid-19 positive anga sawi hian mipui a tichiaik baw. He thudik lo leh dawt hi hriat chhuah a ni a. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Aizawl hnenah *cognizance* leh *warrant of arrest* lak a nih hnuah he thudik lo post tu mipa kum 33 mi Bungkawn, Aizawl a cheng lakah Aizawl Police station Case No. 212/2020 Dt. 17.5.2020 U/s 505(1)(b) IPC R/w 54 DM Act hmanga thu buai siam a ni. Dt. 18.5.2020 khan Police station ah man niin judicial custody turin Aizawl District Court ah thawn a ni.

Mipui rilru a dik lo zawng a hruai thei leh mipui tichiaik a, thu dik tluantling lo leh thubelhchian daw. lo thehdarh hian nghawng tha lo tak a nei thei a. Mipuite i fimkhur tlang theuh ang u.

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